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Milwaukee residents support the protest against DAPL



Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

On the second day of this month, Milwaukee residents convened for a rally at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to show support in the fight against the Dakota Access pipeline (DAPL). Environmental activist Rod Greengrass coordinated the November 2 rally weeks in advance, and quickly spread the word over social media. Supporters received notification via Facebook and came by the dozens to take part in the event.

"It creates awareness of the issue," Greengrass said. "A lot of people are ignorant."

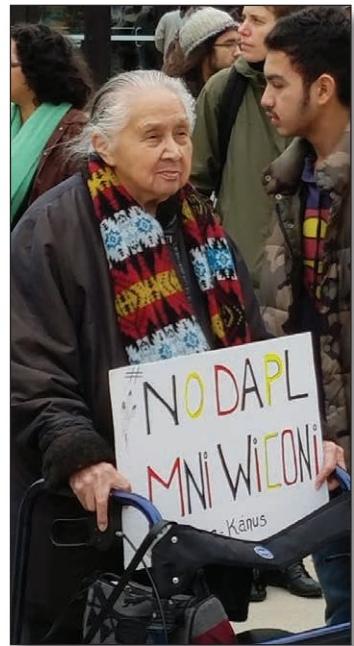
Greengrass felt that, in light of support rallies which have taken place in many other large cities, the city of Milwaukee needed to hold its own rally in support of the protest against Dakota Access and the company's plans for a major oil pipeline that people fear will ultimately destroy the surrounding environment.

"I'd seen other major cities do it," said Greengrass. "Cities all over the country have been setting up rallies like this to show their solidarity. It

was time for Milwaukee to do something. And that's what's taking place today."

The environmental activist has involved himself in rallies such as this for several decades now.

"I've been with the American Indian Movement since the 70s," Greengrass said. "I was on the original '78 Longest Walk."



Members of every generation have joined in the fight against Dakota Access.

Nearly 40 years later, Greengrass still fights oppression and for the rights of Native Americans.

"I do it for the cause," said Greengrass. "It's what I've done most of my life. And I've done it for the people... and for Mother Earth."

The university proved to be an ideal location, as no costs were incurred by holding the rally on campus.

"I needed to facilitate it some place," Greengrass said. "And the university worked out well."

By networking with the university's president of the American Indian Students Association, Greengrass was able to reach a larger audience.

"We've got a pretty big network," Greengrass said. "And once the student association jumped on board, we had gotten out the word."

Armed with signs and strong opinions, dozens of supporters attended the rally. There, speakers shared their concerns about the Dakota Access pipeline between song and drum performances.

"It had sort of fallen into place with all these speakers and the drum group,"



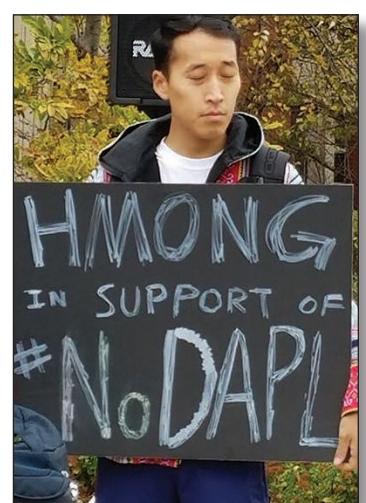
Dozens of supporters gather at UW-M on November 2 to stand with Standing Rock.

said Greengrass. "And it all worked out well."

The weather even showed mercy on those at the event. Although predicted, rain held off for most of the rally.

"I was concerned about the rain," Greengrass said. "But it all worked out."

The rally raised awareness about the dangers imposed by the Dakota Access pipeline, and demonstrated the city's solidarity against it. Thanks to that showing, people out west can now see our support in the Midwest.



Many different ethnic groups support the protest against the DAPL.



Native American speakers share their thoughts on the Dakota Access pipeline.

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Ho-Chunk warriors are uncommon

Marlon WhiteEagle

Editor

It's been a couple weeks now since I went to the Monday morning Traditional Court meeting where the topic of women veteran's rights were discussed. The outcome: women veterans can still carry and raise flags, but not the eagle staff.

I wondered when the first eagle staff came about. The eagle staff was essentially the answer to seeing the white man's flag. It's the native counterpart to a flag, just as Ho-Chunk flag songs are counterparts to the national anthem.

To me, it seemed the women veterans were being dismissed by saying they were following white man's ways by carrying and raising flags anyway. US military service and duty was being downplayed.

Sometimes I hear natives say we live in two worlds. In their mind the two worlds are a white world and a native world. But in reality, they should be thinking of the physical world and the spiritual world.

When the discussion was near completion, I stood up and asked if any Ho-Chunk among us was eligible to carry the eagle staff if following the white man's way did not qualify women to carry an eagle staff. By that reasoning, it seemed all Ho-Chunk who are US military veterans are following the white man's way.

When did white man military service translate to becoming a Ho-Chunk warrior?

I also wondered when was the last time a Ho-Chunk war party was sent out to fight an-

other tribe or the US military, and who of that war party was still alive today. That person might be an eligible eagle staff carrier.

These women veterans fought for our freedom in war and combat just as their male counterparts did, but the male Ho-Chunk were considered warriors worthy of carrying an eagle staff.

I disagree. I believe these women veterans earned all rights their male counterparts earned. They should be allowed to carry an eagle staff, pick up and bestow eagle feathers on individuals.

This adaptation, in my eyes, mirrors the heruska wosga where women were eventually allowed to participate. Our Ho-Chunk culture prevails as we've adapted over the centuries and ice ages.

The common saying of the day at Traditional Court was "anything goes these days" and "you're going to do what you want to do anyway."

Our clan leaders seem to have grown cynical these days as they are situated within a tribal government that functions without them and where their role has diminished.

They meet every Monday and gather around a fireplace that hasn't been lit very often due to maintenance issues with their exhaust system. Their fireplace has no walk-in access. Our clan court should be considered enough to have its fireplace repaired and improved.

Today, some clans have multiple representation, like the Deer and Thunder clans. Clans without representation are the Buffalo, Snake, Water-spirit, Fish, and Wolf. Is it in the nation's interest to find,

groom, and select eldest clan leaders to participate on the court?

I also wonder if it's in the nation's interest to develop an audio archive for rulings and teachings of clan knowledge. As our elders pass on, it always saddens me to hear someone talk about how much knowledge left us with the loss of one individual.

Shouldn't our leaders grow and demonstrate cultural knowledge? Shouldn't we want to improve and adapt to the ever changing world around us? I remember reading about forming "a more perfect government" in the Preamble of our Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

I liked how our legislature used to emulate our clan system with the number of elected positions. Since gam-ing money rolled in, they have grown larger than 12 members. I liken our government to a bison kill of money and everyone is getting their bites in while they can.

One Veterans Day, I was asked to speak at the Veterans Day event. That day I talked about how my dad Morgan told me he was still at war with the white man. He explained he never did what the white man wanted him to do.

The white man wanted him to drink alcohol, but he never did.

He said my brothers and I learned to drink alcohol in the Marines. He didn't teach us to do that.

He didn't fight for the white man, who stole our land and tried to kill us off.

He lived by Ho-Chunk teachings throughout his life. He only had one wife and one set of kids.

That Veterans Day, I said my dad is probably one of the few Ho-Chunk warriors we have today. Ho-Chunk war-

riors are uncommon.

We need more Ho-Chunk warriors.

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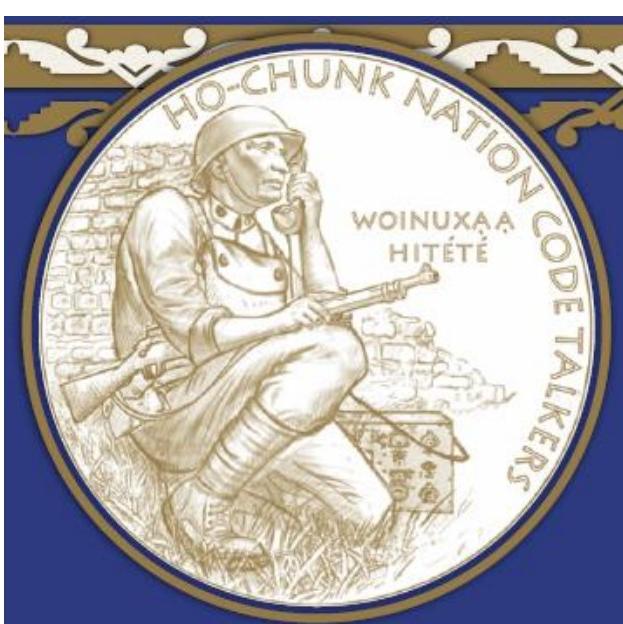
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World War II veterans honored for their service at ceremony

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Andrew Blackhawk Unit 129 Ladies Auxiliary hosted a veterans ceremony honoring World War II veterans on Friday, Nov. 4, at the Andrew Blackhawk Post Legion Hall in Black River Falls.

Auxiliary member Cecelia Kraus welcomed guests to the program.

"Many of our veterans came home from the war, but an internal war continued," she said. "These men came from different cities – even the Mission. I can't fathom what they have seen and what they have endured. We need to support them, even if it is just talking to them and listening to them and spending time with them."

Honored were Ruben Hall,



Lawrence Thundercloud, Harry Whitehorse and Walter Whitehorse.

Ruben Hall and Walter Whitehorse were present for the ceremony. Lawrence Thundercloud and Harry Whitehorse were unable to attend. There were approximately 60 people in attendance.

Ruth Ann Whitehorse Burns spoke for her father, Walter, and read his biography. She said he served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater and was aboard a ship that frequently escorted ships across the Pacific.

She told how a bomb once hit the ship, killing the man beside Walter and slightly injuring him. He could have gotten a Purple Heart medal, but never asked for one.

Ruth Ann also told the story of how, during a storm, Walter was almost washed overboard. He was clinging to a railing when a hand reached down and pulled him back aboard. He had never seen the man before and never did again, despite

seeing and knowing everyone aboard. Ruben believes that it was a case of divine intervention.

Walter talked about attending the Tomah Indian School and how children were kept there in winter because the parents couldn't afford to house and feed them. There were times when the children died and the parents couldn't afford to attend the funerals.

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Andrew Rave spoke for his great uncle Rueben Hall.

Rueben was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1941 and was honorably discharged on Oct. 31, 1945, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He was a truck driver and served in Normandy, France, the Rhineland and other countries in Europe.

Tracy Thundercloud spoke for his father, Lawrence "Sunshine" Thundercloud.

Lawrence attended the Neillsville Indian School and joined the U.S. Navy in 1945, when he was 18. He was stationed in Guam as a Seaman First Class. He joined the Navy Frogman group, which is a predecessor for the Navy SEALs.

He was a pitcher for the American Legion baseball



Walter Whitehorse speaks about his service in the U.S. Navy and about the time he spent at the Tomah Indian School, with Ruth Ann Whitehorse Burns and Lisa Whitehorse at right and Cecelia Kraus at left. He shared those stories during the Andrew Blackhawk Unit 129 Ladies Auxiliary program honoring World War II veterans.

teams, playing with many teams that were sponsored by his employers through the years. He was signed by the Philadelphia Phillies and became a scout to recruit players. His marriage to Edith Pettibone put an end to that career and he then worked for Chicago Northwestern Railroad for 35 years.

Lisa Whitehorse spoke for her father, Harry, who couldn't attend the ceremony.

Harry served in the Navy

as a "Ghost Warrior" for 30 years. Once of his jobs was to shovel coal into the boiler aboard a ship. There were other jobs, but that one is the job he talked about. He also sold cigarettes to fellow seaman, even though he didn't smoke.

Another one of his jobs was taking PTO boats to shore. If the PTO boats would ever get stuck on a sandbar, they were disciplined.

"He made sure they never got stuck," Lisa said.

Redbird serves the second ward on Black River Falls City Council

Tim Wohlers
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For the last year and a half, tribal member Curtis Redbird has represented the second ward of Black River Falls on city council. He hopes to make the city a safer place for his kids and others.

"It's an opportunity for me to help as many people as I can," Redbird said, "to help better our community."

Almost two years ago, after community members approached him about running for city council, Redbird voiced his intent to run in the April 2015 election.

"I went out and got signatures," said Redbird, "put my application in and had my name put on the ballot."

On the day of election, which fell on the candidate's 37th birthday, Redbird found himself running unopposed and thus received all of the votes from his ward.

"There was no write-ins," Redbird said. "There was no one else. Everyone that voted voted for me."

With those votes, Redbird became the first member of the Ho-Chunk Nation to sit on city council in Black River Falls.

"We have representation in the city now," said Redbird. "But it's also provided a familiarity between the Ho-Chunk people and the city."

Over the course of his term, Redbird got particularly involved in discussions regarding the police department and its role in Black River. He also opposed the change of city attorney from an elected position to an appointed position.

"They were going to remove it from being an elected position to being an appointed position," Redbird said. "I voted against it."

According to Redbird, he considers the people of the city before taking a position

on any issue.

"You're making decisions for a lot of people," Redbird said. "Every time you make a decision, it comes with that weight."

Bearing this weight in mind, Redbird tries to act in the best interest of those whom he represents.

"I'm supposed to represent them," said Redbird. "I'm supposed to address their concerns. I'm supposed to bring their concerns to light."

And so far, the new member of city council has been doing just that. Redbird already stood his ground on several important issues brought before the council.

"You're trying to make your

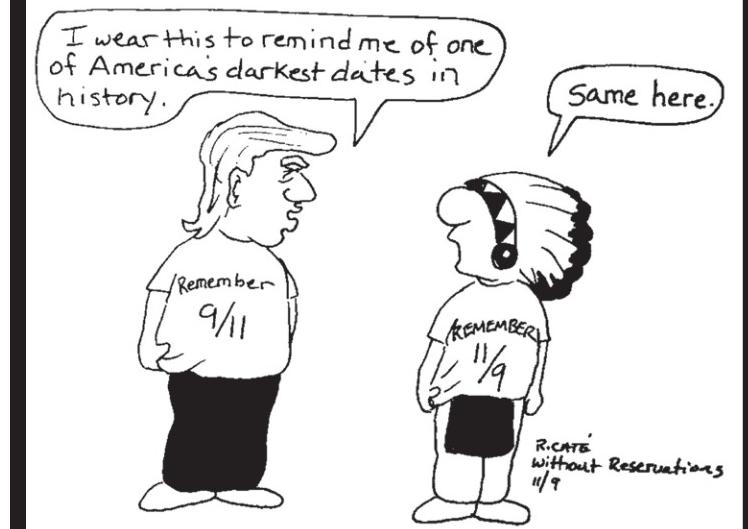
place better," Redbird said, "regardless of how tough it is."

Redbird remains uncertain as to whether or not he will run for reelection in the upcoming vote. However, he believes that another bid for the seat on city council may indeed lie in the future.

"I haven't quite made my mind up yet if I'm going to run again or not," said Redbird. "But I think I might run for city council again."

The election takes place this coming April, when voters decide once again who will represent them for the next two years on Black River Falls City Council.

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Bronson Koenig and Badgers exhibit talent against UW-Platteville

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Editor

Bronson Koenig and the Wisconsin Badgers exhibited their talent against UW-Platteville Pioneers in an exhibition game to raise awareness for Brain Cancer. The Badgers outscored the Pioneers, 86 to 58.

The Badger senior guard Koenig led all scorers with 12 points, while Nigel Hayes and Jordan Hill also scored in double figures, with 10 points each.

For Koenig in his senior year, he wanted to improve his prospects of getting drafted into the NBA. He spent his entire off-season on improving his speed and strength.

He trained with celebrity trainer Corey Calliet, who trained Michael B. Jordan for the movie Creed and Alaska native actor Martin Sensmeier from Magnificent 7.

"I'm the leanest I've ever been. My body fat is the lowest it's ever been. I'm in the best shape of my life," Koenig said.

"I was in the gym every single day this summer, 10 times more than all the other summers combined."

Koenig said he'd usually take a little break during the summer before the Badgers summer training session. But now he's motivated to display the type of action that earned him his place on the Badgers roster in the first place.

On training with Calliet, Koenig praised the

trainer.

"He helped me get a lot more athletic, more quick, more pop in my first step. My hops are back for the first time since high school," Koenig said.

Koenig didn't waste any time to display the fruits of his hard work. Bronson quickly scored for the Badgers to open the exhibition game. And with six minutes remaining in the first half, off of a Nigel Hayes steal, Koenig got his first dunk as a Badger on a fast break opportunity.

Coach Gard played 10 Badgers in the first half of play. Starting for the Badgers, were the starters from last year, Nigel Hayes, Ethan Happ, Vitto Brown, Zak Showalter, and Bronson Koenig. Other familiar Badgers from last season to play were Jordan Hill, Charlie Thomas, Khalil Iverson, and Alex Illikainen. We also saw freshman D'Mitrik Trice.

Sophomore Khalill Iverson had two spectacular dunks for 4 points in the half.

The first half ended with Bronson Koenig hitting another buzzer beater to put the Badgers up by 10 points, 44 to 34.

Badgers shot just 46 percent from the field, 54 percent from 3-point range, and 50 percent from the free throw line.

During the second half of play, the Badger starters saw only five minutes of action, while Gard cleared his bench. The Badger bench racked up 46 points in the win.

Badger fans got a look at two sophomores, Brevin



Bronson Koenig answers questions about his off season training during local media day.

Pritzl and the 7 foot Belgian Andy Van Vliet, who sat out all of last season. Pritzl with an injury, and Van Vliet was ineligible due to NCAA regulations.

Pritzl went 4 for 4 from the free throw line, while Van Vliet added 8 points and 8 rebounds.

Coach Gard said he was glad his team got to the free throw line 39 times. The Badgers were nearly 67 percent from the line in the second half.

The Badgers will start the regular season with non-conference play against Central Arkansas on November 11 at the Kohl Center.

Wisconsin Tribes form "Native Breastfeeding Coalition of Wisconsin"

Successful Coalition Kick Off Meeting at Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council in Lac du Flambeau

Breastfeeding: The Traditional Way is a program created by Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council to encourage Tribal women to feed their babies in the healthiest way with the goal of exclusive breastfeeding for at least the first six months of life for all eleven Tribes in the State of Wisconsin.

The first objective for the program was to create a Tribal Coalition that supports and encourages breastfeeding by improving community support. The "Native Breastfeed-

ing Coalition of Wisconsin" will meet quarterly, hosted by member Tribes across the state.

Breastfeeding was once a sacred and traditional practice that has steadily declined in popularity due to the perceived ease and acceptance of using plastic bottles filled with formula, which is defined by the World Health Organization as "artificial or synthetic replacement food that should only be used as a last alternative". This traditional way is strongly encour-

aged by many Tribal Elders and the goal of the coalition is to normalize breastfeeding again with the young people in the communities.

"It is hard to encourage new mothers to breastfeed when hospitals do not support breastfeeding within the first hour of birth. Once a baby has been given an artificial nipple, they may suffer from nipple confusion and have a harder time latching on to the mother's breast."

Michaela Daubon, Maternal Child Health (MCH), RN,

from Peter Christensen Health Center in Lac du Flambeau.

Allie Isaacson, MCH Nurse and Certified Lactation Consultant from the Ho-Chunk Nation talked about the Employee Rights Act that was recently amended to support breastfeeding efforts by allowing mothers to breastfeed or pump while at work. "In July of 2016, this policy went into effect and will impact all 3,400 employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation. It will be included in the handbook and conveyed to all new hires through the orientation process".

Anita Mihtukwsun, a Community Health Worker from Stockbridge Munsee stated that they have an informal policy where breastfeeding is allowed but they hope to extend the time offered for nursing mothers since they are unable to fully empty their milk in their standard 15-minute break.

One goal of the coalition is to have all Wisconsin Tribes offer a formal policy to their employee in full support of traditional breastfeeding.

Bethany Miller, WIC Peer Counselor and Healthy Start Home Visitor from Menominee Tribe and Jacqueline Brown, MCH, RN from Bad River both describe the wonderful support systems their nursing mothers have in their medical providers and communities, both prenatally and post-partum.

They described their "Noonie Tents" that are available to nursing mothers during their Pow-Wows.

The tents have pumping and nursing areas, with a play area for siblings, cribs and play-pens.

The Noonie Tent is always monitored by volunteers and are a group effort with the Tribe, WIC, Maternal Child Health, and Head Start.

All of the Tribes agree that normalizing breastfeeding and improving duration rates will positively impact the health of their mothers and babies. "A Native Coalition has been needed for a very long time" said Jenny Bisonette, Mino Maajisewin (Good Start) Program Supervisor from Lac Courte Orielles.

She and Denise Dodson, Nutrition Director from Ho-Chunk Nation both stated that this coalition could not have come at a better time.

The next steps for the Native Breastfeeding Coalition of Wisconsin will include having a logo design contest starting in January, 2017 which is open to all Tribal Members in Wisconsin. This suggestion was made by Mary Robinson, WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, and Mary Tribble, Mino Maajisewin Home Visitor and Grant Manager, both from Lac Courte Orielles, because the contest itself will be a way to get people in the communities talking about breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding: The Traditional Way will also be offering a Certified Lactation Specialist Training for those working in or with the Tribal Community to offer more support and encouragement to breastfeeding mothers and their supportive families.

This program has been proudly supported with a grant by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

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Casillas combines her talent using bricks and mortar with her advocacy for women

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Vanessa Casillas breaks all molds about stereotypical women's professions.

She's a bricklayer by trade and she's proud of her occupation, taking her message of gender equality in the workplace to Washington D.C.

She's been featured on billboards, in videos and recently she was invited to participate in a program at the White House.

On Friday, Oct. 21, she participated in the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics and its Presidential Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

She credits much of her talent to her heritage, since her father comes from ancestors who built pyramids and a mother whose ancestors built mounds.

Vanessa is the daughter of Antonio and Sharon Cassillas. Antonio is originally from Michoacan, Mexico, and Sharon is the daughter of Gloria Brown, formerly Gloria Pines of the Bear Clan, from Wisconsin Dells.

She's been involved in bricklaying since she was 11, when she would help her father.

"My father is a second-generation mason, so that makes me a third-generation mason," Vanessa said. "Basically, I grew up working with him - I was his mason tender. I would make up his mortar by hand and would bring him and his workers the materials they needed. He never told me that I wasn't capable."

She was tall and pretty big for her age, smart and well disciplined, and with a good work ethic, she said. She worked from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"That was my summer vacation, pretty much," she said. "It wasn't a vacation, but I was proud to do it for my father and, in turn, it gave me a strong work ethic, plus I gained some independence."

"I had some money to buy my own school clothes," she said. "Also I felt I was contributing to my family. I also saved up and had some cushion. If my parents were com-

ing up short on things, it was nice to be able to contribute to my family. That was something he taught me early on."

She also worked for her tegas in Wisconsin Dells and a teg in Chicago. Vanessa worked in Wisconsin Dells at a fudge shop, the Pizza Pub, and at the Kalahari Resort. Her tegas are Steve Pine, Henry Pine, Lance Tallmadge, and Randy Tallmadge.

She grew up going to see her adopted grandmother, Bernadine, and spent time at the Winnebago Indian Museum and worked at store Lance owned in strip mall.

She was a home health aide for a while. From age 17 through 24 she took care of a teg while he had a terminal illness - AIDS. She took care of him until he passed away. She got paid some money, but it was minimal. At that time, attempted to attend college classes.

"I tried college but it didn't suit me. I tried sitting in class all day, but I really wanted to be outside, moving, using my body. I was unhappy, get-

ting up short on things, it was nice to be able to contribute to my family. That was something he taught me early on."

"In construction and bricklaying, there's always room for improvement and you can see the progress. At the end of the day you see the product you built, you leave feeling very satisfied. I'm a perfectionist still and it shows in my work - I do exceptional work," Vanessa said.

She's an advocate for learning from such a technical skill college because students get paid as they learn, no student loans, and they have a high-demand, high-paying job when they get done.

"You end up with a career that pays \$80,000 plus a year, without any kind of school loans," she said. "There are some of the trades that when you finish your apprenticeship program, whether its three years or five years, you end up with a bachelor's degree. Electricians do that. So there's a lot about trade school and vocational training that could benefit a lot of people."

When recession hit in 2007 and 2008, she was out of work for a year, prior to that she had little pockets of work while she was recovering from back injury. She didn't have much saved up, so she survived the recession on her savings and she tutored part-time.

So, once her savings was gone, she had to go somewhere for work and there wasn't any work, construction-wise, in the Chicago area, so she had to relocate.

She ended up relocating to Minneapolis to participate in a TERO program, which she was invited by Robert Two-Bears to attend. The program was to become a concrete mason, although she was already three years into her bricklaying career.

"I figured if there is no bricklaying work, I could go highway-heavy," Vanessa said. She went into that program while she continued with bricklaying. She spent two years in Minneapolis and bought a house.

She volunteers her time with trade organizations because she likes to have a balance between physical and mental activities.

Helping with several committees, Vanessa helped to bring a conference to Chicago called "Women in Trades."

Her advocacy for women in the trades has been happening for some time, she said.

"I'm a pretty vocal person," Vanessa said. "I have my core values that my parents taught me and I still carry those with me. I treat people well, I try to leave a place the way that I found it, I try to be helpful, I carry those values with me and it carries through everything I do."

She performs a lot of volunteer work and hours with nonprofit organizations and she volunteers to sit on committees and advisory councils.

"I'm just trying to strive for



On the steps of the Eisenhower executive office building at the White House as a guest.

ting migraine headaches," she said. "I wasn't well - trying to go through college. It didn't suit me."

She has a tendency to be a perfectionist, she said. When she was in school, her papers would never be good enough and research was never



Part of the scope of work on this 19 story high rise is applying vapor barrier before she lay up the brick.

more equity in the trade, trying to make sure that women, and especially women of color, have a place in the trades and are able to access this kind of lifestyle," she said.

"Because the quality of living that you can build for yourself is quite exceptional and I believe that women, and women of color should have access to that kind of lifestyle."

Appearing in commercials were derived from her tendency to be vocal about the things she's so passionate about.

"The commercials came out because of a Facebook post," she said. "A concrete supplier in Chicago had a commercial on Facebook and it was an awesome commercial, but it had zero representation for women. All the construction workers in the commercial were men and the majority were white. There were a Latino and a black guy in there. So I made a comment on the video and followed up with a comment in their inbox and used my position and my connection with Chicago Women in Trades.

"I just said, 'hey, trades women are all these things too. We love to work, we feel very satisfied and your commercial hit home for us. It would be great if you would include us in your next commercial campaign,'" she said.

"And then I said, 'I have access to all kinds of trades women and I can introduce you if necessary and I would love to welcome you to our workshop, which has nice offices and a huge work space where we can build stuff. We

have tools and everything,'" she said. "So I made that invitation to them and they took me up on it."

She invited 25 women to audition for the next commercial. They each had five minutes to audition on tape and, after it was all over, they selected Vanessa. She then was recorded for their promotional video.

The White House invitation when she was nominated to go to the United State of Women at the White House Summit that happened in July.

"I went on behalf of Chicago Women in Trades and once there, I did a bit of networking and there was a comment I said at one of the seminars that resonated with those two women who invited me," Vanessa said. "So, it's just about being vocal, making sure our voices are heard, and I take every chance that I can to voice those concerns. And the ones I'm trying to hit home are that a working union does help to close the wage gap, however, the Women in Construction, especially women of color in construction, we don't have the opportunity to work equal hours as the men in our industry. That needs to change."

"So, that is what I'm trying to drive home within the unions and I'm trying to find solutions to that so that there is equal access to work hours and equal access to advancement opportunity for women of color," she said.



This year Chicago Women In Trades hosted the sixth annual Women Build Nations conference for women in non-traditional careers. Casillas (2nd from right) participated in committees to help organize and prepare for the event, worked on a workshop on Anti-racism presented at the conference, and facilitated a round table dialogue.



BORN TO BUILD

From Ozinga's 2015 commercials and billboards in their Born to Build campaign.

My time in Standing Rock or when I learned how to pray for my enemy

Submitted by
Benjamin Morris, Pastor,
Lutheran Campus Ministry
at Common Ground

On Thursday morning I returned from spending three days at the Oceti Sakowin camp which currently sits at the front line of the Standing Rock movement against the Dakota Access Pipeline, which goes by the acronym DAPL. I have been struggling with how to communicate such an important time well. So, here it is, my best attempt. But before I go on, there is one very important thing that needs to be said: This is a Native American Indigenous struggle against Colonialism past and present. I am just adding a few very unimportant thoughts to the big picture in hopes that it can help people (specifically fellow white people) see what is happening. You really need to be reading, and listening to Native Voices. This is their movement, this is their vision, this is a time for listening and following.

At first I tried to write up a day by day, but then I would remember something else important, and it would get longer and longer. I am still going to do that mostly for my own memory but I would like to share a few short things that happened/I learned while I was there.

It is beautiful: The land surprised me with beauty. The rolling hills, the rivers,

the sparse trees. When you come around the corner and see the camp, people setting up and living in their tribes style of home, Lakota tipis, Iroquois longhouses, Ojibwe wigwams. The first day was a wind advisory, our western tents were straining against the prairie winds, the tipis, it barely looked like a breeze was going over them.

It is holy: Forget our western split between sacred and secular times. The entire movement, the entire camp is prayer. The sacred fire burning in the middle of the camp, always being attended by prayerful people. The direct action training was prayerful. The days began with ceremonies in the morning, they ended with ceremonies, there were thanksgiving for the water, the food, the air, the sky, for everything.

It is welcoming: Indigenous people have every reason to be wary and suspicious of a white person, especially a white person in a collar. I was welcomed, embraced, fed, prayed for, smiled to. There was a risk of people infiltrating camp (a real risk as I will say soon) and yet there was an openness to all who came in.

It being watched: Helicopters, and planes were always, always overhead. The surrounding hills were covered in police, security, federal agents and soldiers. At night DAPL had huge, stadium lights set up. Not to



Oceti Sakowin camp sits at the front line of the Standing Rock movement against the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) construction.

help them continue work, but to bath the camp in a reminder of their presence.

It is peaceful: We were reminded by elders, chiefs, security, and everyday people all the time, that we are here to pray, and to be peaceful.

I have a few stories I want to share. They are things that I personally witnessed and think are worthwhile to show the kind of leadership that is happening at the camp.

Training:

All people who come to the camp are required to get an orientation. At the orientation, people from the Indigenous Peoples Power Project guide us through the values of the camp and the values of how we act while on the front line. Every direct action is about praying. Each time people have moved to the front line, it is done so that elders and others can pray for the water, for the people, for the land, for the police and for the pipeline workers. Yes the direct actions do involve confrontation, but no, I never experienced a call to violence...well I did once...at the second day of training. We were in a large tent and a man in the back was quite agitated. He kept interrupting the training, and asking when we were going to the front, and when we were going to go the pipeline itself and stop it. He also spoke in the most fake rezzy accent I have ever heard (many Native American people speak with a certain cadence, just like any group bringing hints of their home language to a new language).

After many rounds of interruptions one of the trainers asked "Brother, what tribe are you from?" The man froze...hesitated and said "Uh Northern Minnesota" Now I spent a year on the Leech Lake Rez in Northern Minnesota, Ojibwe folks, like all other folks know damn well which tribe they are from and don't hesitate when asked. He eventually left the tent and as he left he called on all of us to go join him and stop the police and the pipeline before it was too late that we did not need non-violent training, we needed to do whatever it takes. After he left he apparently left camp and no one saw him again. My guess, he was from DAPL or some-



Several burned-out vehicles on a bridge blocked the highway. That action happened before Pastor Morris arrived.

action about to start, he then looked at me and said, "Hey pastor, get ready, we got a job for you!" then they drove off.

Upon return from the water ceremony one of the direct action leaders called us to gather with him and the noDAPL Mni Wiconi flags. He instructed that we were being asked to head up the 1881 road towards the bridge. That we were to pray and observe another direct action that was to take place later down at the water. We gathered together. We were reminded again that we were to be prayerful, that we were non-violent, that we are here to protect water and never to harm anyone. We were told to walk slow so elders and those with mobility issues were not left behind. So we walked, we prayed, we sang. We approached the two burned out trucks from the events the previous Thursday. There we sang, and we prayed for about an 3/4 of an hour. As we were clapping with a drum beat the direct action guy started walking through the crowd saying "Where's my pastor, where is my priest?" He looked at me and said, "You ready? Come with me!" That is the moment when all of the courage I thought I brought to Standing Rock flew away. I walked with him to the front of the crowd, in front of the trucks. He told everyone, "All prayer is good, and this Christian is going to pray for us all in his way. So everyone bow your heads" I had no idea what to do, so to begin by having everyone repeat the words to Desmond Tutu's song,



Pastor Benjamin Morris (center) had a reunion with his internship pastors Pastor Mark Olson (left) and the Rev. Herold Eagle-Bull.



A set of rules were enforced to make sure that no violence would be accepted while at Standing Rock.

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Man Mound in Sauk County designated as a National Historic Landmark

Baraboo, Wis.

On November 2, 2016, Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell announced the designation of the Man Mound in Sauk County, Wis. as a National Historic Landmark. The Man Mound which was built during the period between 700 to 1200 C.E., is the first effigy mound from the region to be designated as a National Historic Landmark.

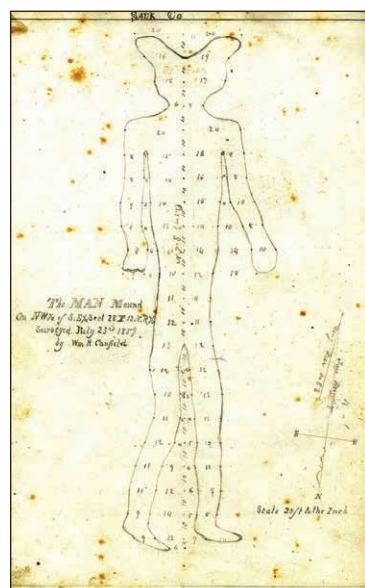
"National Historic Landmark designation places Man Mound among our nation's most significant properties thanks to the actions and commitment of Wisconsinites a century ago. Designation will help ensure the continued care and preservation of this rare human figured effigy mound for future generations," said Jim Draeger, State Historic

Preservation Officer at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

The National Historic Landmark designation recognizes places which possess exceptional value and quality in illustrating and interpreting the heritage of the United States. Like the more widely known National Register of Historic Places, National Historic Landmark designations are made to bring attention to sites that are historically significant; however Landmark designation requires a much more stringent nomination process and the site must be of national significance.

The nomination process for the Man Mound began nearly five years ago, with the assistance of Dr. Amy Rosebrough, staff archeologist with the Wisconsin Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office. She lent her expertise on effigy mounds obtained during Doctoral studies on Wisconsin's unique effigy mound phenomenon with UW-Madison.

"Man Mound is now an ambassador from Wisconsin's effigy mounds, to the Na-



(Left) Man Mound map Canfield contrast and a 1908 photo of the mound



**WISCONSIN ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH
MAY 2016 | CELEBRATING THE 50TH YEAR OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT**

In 1907, the Sauk County Historical Society, the Wisconsin Archeological Society, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wisconsin purchased the 1000 year old Greenfield Man Mound to preserve it. Today, it is the only remaining mound of its type in the world.

IMAGE COURTESY OF ETHAN BROOKS
wisconsinhistory.org

Aerial view of Man Mound park located in Baraboo, Wisconsin appeared on Wisconsin State Historical Society postcard in celebration of 50 years of the National Historic Preservation Act.

tion. He represents centuries of effigy mound construction and asks us to remember the people who sculpted him, who are buried within and near him, and whose descendants still make Wisconsin their home," said Dr. Amy Rosebrough.

The Man Mound is the 43rd site to be designated as a National Historic Landmark in Wisconsin. It joins Aztalan, Copper Culture State Park and

Silver Mound as archeological sites with that designation in the state. It was purchased in 1907 through the combined efforts of the Sauk County Historical Society, the Wisconsin Archeological Society and the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs. The property is now managed as a Sauk County Park with the specific care of the Man Mound itself being done by volunteers associated with

the Wisconsin Archeological Society, with consultation from representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Man Mound is one of only a few human-shaped effigy mounds created by the Native People of this area, and is the last known surviving example of a monumental human-shaped mound in the world.

Standing Rock

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Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
When all else fails, always punt to Desmond Tutu. Then we prayed, for creation, for Water Protectors, for Native People, for Police, for Oil workers. Then I said Amen and walked back into the crowd. I felt a hand on my shoulder, the leader said with a huge smile, "Oh no priest we're not done, we need to go get you arrested!" Not knowing what to say, I said, "ok". He took me around the trucks and about 25 yards ahead, were all of the police, fully militarized, fully armed, ranks of them and two maybe three big armored vehicles, police in the top hatches, fully armed. The leader smiled at me and said "Go pray for them, pray for their safety, pray for their loved ones, bless them." I took a breath and started walking.

*An aside: I am a good Lutheran, I believe that as a society we need police. We need those who answer the call to defend us from harm and evil. I affirm the vocation of Police Officer. I also be-

lieve deeply in Native Rights and sovereignty, and in God's call for justice. Our society, and its long standing policies of white supremacy have often time pitted our police against the very people they are called to serve. This was the first time I have found myself, as a white man, looking in at ranks of police officers, standing against me. Without its association with hate, the police now were my enemies, and I was being asked by Native Leadership to pray for them. The Native Leadership was calling me to fulfill the command of Jesus, they were calling me to fulfill my ordination vows. The Standing Rock movement was calling me to be a Christian.*

So I, with a type of fear I have never known, walked towards the barricade. At the barricade were two police officers, in vests but not combat gear, very stern looking, and two elders. The elders embraced me, and said thank you for coming to pray, prayer is why we are here. I told the two officers, "My name is Benjamin Morris, and I am a Lutheran Pastor, I am here to pray for you, and your safety, and your families, may I shake your hands?" They

looked at each other and nodded yes, I asked them their names, which they told me, and which I immediately forgot – way too much adrenaline. I yelled back to the ranks of officers "I am here to pray for you all." Using my best Lutheran hand gestures I called them into prayer. My prayer went something like this: I prayed for their vocation, I prayed for their safety, I prayed for their families, I prayed for oil workers. I prayed that each side not see each other as enemies and that we see each other as humans made in God's image. Feeling I needed to call for God's justice, my mind struggled to find words to describe why the stand the Water Protectors are making is justified. Not knowing where to go, I again leaned on the Lutheran depth of song and liturgy, to the baptismal liturgy to be specific:

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel

from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all

I have no idea if I said it that perfectly, but I followed it with the fact that water runs as deeply in our sacred stories as it does the sacred stories of the Lakota and that Water Protectors are protecting everyone's water, water that was given as a gift. I prayed we would all reach a better understanding of each other. Then I said Amen and walked back, surprised that I had not wet my pants.

We stayed on the bridge and prayed another hour before heading back to join with the Direct Action on the water, and in the Camp, but that is truly another story. I was not down at the water but two people were shot with rubber bullets, and multiple people with pepper spray and tear gas. They had built a bridge so elders could pray at desecrated graves. Things went more chaotic and we were asked to protect the entrance of the camp as there was fear it would be overrun. Women,

Children and Elders were evacuated. That is when the LSTC group rolled in, amazing timing on their part as they were able to witness the camp in the midst of action, protection, and a sense of urgency. They have stories along with the 500 more clergy who began arriving, including my internship mentors, Rev. Harold Eagle-Bull and Rev. Mark Olson. And that is when my group took our leave, knowing more people will be showing up to witness, listen and learn, and that many Native people will remain, staking their lives in the movement, preparing to spend the long North Dakota winter in their traditional structures and tents, protecting water, and continuing their 500 year struggle against colonialism, genocide and oppression.

These are the things I have experienced. There were 10 others in my group who have stories to share, and thousands who have taken part in some way. Please, please take time to learn more.

Mni Wiconi – Water is Life
#noDAPL

LEGISLATIVE

Ca Hikiruxa wira 11, 2016

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
HUSCH, BLACKWELL-
MADISON, WI
OCTOBER 18, 2016
10:00 A.M.**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Darren Brinegar -EX

Rep. Greg Blackdeer -(11:29 a.m.)

Rep. Lori Pettibone-P

Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P

Rep. Andrea Estebo-P

Rep. David Greendeer-P

Rep. Henning Garvin-P

Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P

Rep. Shelby Visintin-P

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Matt Mullen-(10:19 a.m.)

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-

Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX

*Cc – Via Conference Call

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established.

Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting – October 4, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the October 4, 2016, Legislative Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports:

Housing Committee – October 5, 2016

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the October 5, 2016 Housing Committee meeting minutes as with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Administration Committee – October 6, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the October 6, 2016 Administration Committee meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Matt Mullen arrives at 10:19 a.m.

Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Process Concern-D2

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to TABLE the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Process Concern. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: General Council Resolutions-2002-2012(Standing Agenda Item):

This is a standing agenda item for 2002 to 2012 General Council Resolutions.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE the General Council Resolutions-2002-2012 (Standing Agenda Item). Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution-Authorization of Agriculture Lease on the Badger Army Ammunition

Property #439 T 2170 for Josh Ballweg.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE the resolution Authorization of Agriculture Lease on the Badger Army Ammunition Property #439 T 2170 for Josh Ballweg Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.
Resolution-2017-2020 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 A**, 2017-2020 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Acceptance of Application of Jon Greendeer to be Interim Director of the Department of Heritage Preservation.

MOTON by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 B**, Acceptance of Application of Jon Greendeer to be Interim Director of the Department of Heritage Preservation. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Confirmation of Jon Greendeer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Heritage Preservation.

MOTON by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE the resolution Confirmation of Jon Greendeer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Heritage Preservation. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Twelve Clans Inc.

This will be addressed at 11:30 a.m. the Board of Directors were invited to attend the meeting.

Department of Housing Board of Directors-Jim Delarosa-Rep. Kathy DeCamp

MOTION by Kathy DeCamp to appoint Jim Delarosa to the Department of Housing Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

General Council Resolutions from September 17, 2016 Annual General Council Meeting

Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-01 and Legislative Action Regarding the Dissolution of the General Council Agency.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 C**, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-01 and Legislative Action Regarding the Dissolution of the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-1

MOTION CARRIED.

Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-02 and Legislative Action Regarding the General Council Budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 D**, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-02 and Legislative Action Regarding the General Council Budget for Fiscal Year 2018. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-1

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-03 and Legislative Action Regarding the Request

to Amend the Nation's Revenue Allocation Plan to Increase Per Capita Payments.

This would require approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Two options were provided, the first option was to refer to a Legislative Work Group to analyze and research the impacts of the change and the other option was to refer to the Finance Committee which has jurisdiction over the Ordinance.

Resolution-Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-03 and Legislative Action Regarding the Request to Amend the Nation's Revenue Allocation Plan to Increase Per Capita Payments, Option 1.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 E**, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-03 and Legislative Action Regarding the Request to Amend the Nation's Revenue Allocation Plan to Increase Per Capita Payments, Option 1. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-2

Henning Garvin, Rep. David Greendeer)-1

(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-04 and Legislative Action on the Policy Directive to Automatically Enact General Council Resolutions by Default.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 F**, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-04 and Legislative Action on the Policy Directive to Automatically Enact General Council Resolutions by Default. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0

3 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Douglas Greengrass, Rep. Andrea Estebo)

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9/17/2016-05 and Legislative Action Regarding a Special Election to Amend the General Council Resolutions by Default.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 G**, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9/17/2016-05 and Legislative Action Regarding a Special Election to Amend the General Council Resolutions by Default. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0

3 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9/17/2016-06 and Legislative Action Regarding the Amendment to the Nation's Constitution for the Rights of Nature.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 H**, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9/17/2016-06 and Legislative Action Regarding the Amendment to the Nation's Constitution for the Rights of Nature. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-1

(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9/17/2016-07 and Legislative Action Regarding the Creation of a Program to Provide

Alternative Energy Sources to Ho-Chunk Elders.

This would require approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Two options were provided, the first option was to refer to a Legislative Work Group to analyze and research the impacts of the change and the other option was to refer to the Finance Committee which has jurisdiction over the Ordinance.

Resolution-Authorization to Adopt the Department of Agriculture Establishment Act.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 J**, Authorization to Adopt the Department of Agriculture Establishment Act. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0

1 (Rep. Matt Mullen)

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization to Adopt the Department of Natural Resources.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 K**, Authorization to Adopt the Department of Natural Resources

Establishment Act. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0

1 (Rep. Matt Mullen)

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization to Adopt the Department of Natural Resources.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 L**, Authorization to Transfer Fund from the Ho-Chunk Nation Long Term Reserves into Legislative District 1 Community Center Project Restricted Account.

Another Whereas, clause

to state, “pursuant to the

Nation's Appropriation and

Budget Process Act, 2 HCC§ 4,

Capital Project budgets can be

modified by Resolution for true

increases or decreases to the

project.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 M**, Authorization to Transfer Fund from the Ho-Chunk Nation Long Term Reserves into Legislative District 1 Community Center Project Restricted Account with additional language. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.

10-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Ordinance (5 HCC§ 1) out for 45 Day Public Review and Comment.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 N**, Transfer of District 3 Housing Restricted Account Funds to the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency.

The amount of \$1,600,000.00

that authorizes the transfer

from District 3 Housing

Restricted Account to

the HHCDA for housing

development in the Nekoosa

and Indian Heights

communities.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 O**, Transfer of District 3 Housing Restricted Account Funds to the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0

1 (Rep. Matt Mullen)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11:39 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to go in to Executive Session. Second by Rep.

Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep.

Lori Pettibone were out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move

into Open Session. Second by

Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-1(Rep. Andrea Estebo). **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Office of the President the MOTION by Tracy Littlejohn that pending the opinion by the Attorney General on the GCA dissolution resolution, the Legislature call for constitutional amendment election to remove language referencing GCA from the HCN Constitution. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-Madison District Meeting-October 12, 2016

No motions

District 3-Wittenberg District Meeting-October 10, 2016

READ FOR THE RECORD: *Nominations for Veterans Affairs Board*

David Radtke-Delegate Lawrence Walker, Jr, Alternate **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Gloria Visintin to repair the Wittenberg Tractor and the funds to come from the Wittenberg Ag land lease fund, not to exceed \$1,500.00. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-1(Rep. Lori Pettibone)-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo requested justification on the tractor on who it was titled to, where funding came from, the Nation's responsibility if there was any.

District 3-Wisconsin Dells District Meeting- October 11, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA and the Law Enforcement Commission the MOTION by Manda Mann to combine funding from the HHCDA Organic Gardening and the Law Enforcement Agreement funds for one Christmas end of the year celebration. Second by Rep.

Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: *Veterans Advisory Board*

David Radtke

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to Office of the President and Tribal Aging Unit the MOTION by Patti Ennis to refer to TAU, elders not utilizing the BINGO Packets, funds be set aside for social activities of their choosing. **MOTION DIES FOR LACK OF SECOND.**

It was mentioned that a resolution was passed regarding bingo packets, these are only suppose to be level 1 packets. The Business Department is not following this and it should be something that is looked into. The Office of the President will be looking into this further.

FYI:

High speed internet connection and solar panels issue was not a motion but will be referred to HHCDA.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by David Decorah that the Christmas Bonus be equal amounts and it be given to everyone 18 and over, with the Legislative Financial Examiner to bring back number options and to also bring back numbers from Enrollment, along with funding sources. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wisconsin Rapids District Meeting-October 12, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA (Board & Director) and Department of Housing the MOTION by Myrna Thompson to have the Nation look into a grant for solar paneling for all Tribal members in Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Barb Smith requesting HHCDA to do general maintenance of the Chak-Hah-Chee Community Building to include but not limited to: floors, windows, kitchen. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTON CARRIED.**

District 3-Green Bay District Meeting-October 13, 2016

READ FOR THE RECORD: *Nomination of Veterans Affairs Committee*

David Radtke, Delegate Brian Matha, Alternate

District 4-Milwaukee District Meeting-October 12, 2016

FYI:

MOTION by Melody Whiteagle-Fintak to give the elders \$1500, adults \$1,000, and children \$500. It will be discuss at Finance Committee Meeting.

District 5-Chicago District Meeting-October 10, 2016

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Karen Hopinkah-Ramberg to approve \$300 dollars for the Thanksgiving feast and \$300 dollars for the Christmas feast for food and miscellaneous, the total amount for both feasts \$600 dollars is being requested. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5-Minneapolis/St. Paul District Meeting-October 13, 2016

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit mentions a delegate from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska was present to discuss the Winnebago Buy Back Program.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President and the Finance Committee the MOTION by Curtis West, to tentatively approve \$1,649.00 dollars for assistance, as long as, Amaya began process with the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education, PreK-12 Program and see if financial assistance is available to Amaya Snowden for her school trip through the Pre K-12 Program. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to appoint Libby Fairchild as the primary delegate to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to appoint Lana Hanks as the alternate to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Mark Stroessner, to refer Mrs. Kingbird's request to the Office of the President for immediate review of action for this elite elder. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 7-0-4 (Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Henning Garvin)

MOTION CARRIED.

Per Michael Murphy,

Legislative Counsel it was suggested that the language needs to be changed for members. Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board members are confirmed and not appointed.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to confirm Libby Fairchild as the primary delegate to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2nd-EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to go in to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy Decamp. 11-0-0 **MOTON CARRIED.**

2:18 p.m.

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit and Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to move in to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

5:47p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV16-010.

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adopt **Resolution 10-18-16 R**, Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV16-010. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adjourn the Legislative Meeting. The next meeting will take place at the Tribal Executive Offices at Black River Falls at 10:00 a.m. on November 8, 2016. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, *Tribal Secretary*

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING HUSCH, BLACKWELL MADISON, WI OCTOBER 21, 2016 10:00 A.M.

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Darren Brinegar-P

Rep. Greg Blackdeer-EX

Rep. Lori Pettibone-P

Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P

Rep. Andrea Estebo-Cc (10:35 a.m.)

Rep. David Greendeer-P

Rep. Henning Garvin-EX

Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P

Rep. Shelby Visintin-P

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-EX

Rep. Matt Mullen-P

(11:38 a.m.)

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-

Whiterabbit-P

Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX

*Cc - Via Conference Call

Rep. Matt Mullen arrives at

11:38 a.m.

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established.

Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda as presented.

Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Appropriations & Budget Process Act to strike references to General Council Agency.

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to **TABLE** the resolution, Quick Passage Procedure to amend the Appropriations & Budget Process Act to strike references to General Council Agency

Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 6-0-1 (Rep. Douglas Greengrass)

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution-Establishment and Organization Act for Office of General Council.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to **TABLE** the resolution, Establishment and Organization Act for Office of General Council. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin.

5-2(Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization and Approval of the Release of Funds to the TIP Road Account.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 10-21-16 B**, Authorization and Approval of the Release of Funds to the TIP Road Account. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp.

7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Lawrence Walker Jr. as Tribal Law Enforcement Commissioner for Shawano County.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 10-21-16 C**, Confirmation of Lawrence Walker Jr. as Tribal Law Enforcement Commissioner for Shawano County.

Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo on conference call at 10:35 a.m. Resolution-Christmas Grant for Ho-Chunk Nation Elders, Adults, and Youth.

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to **TABLE** the resolution Christmas Grant for Ho-Chunk Nation Elders, Adults, and Youth for the Financial Examiner, Financial Budget Analyst and Legislative Attorneys to look at the debts the Nation has and to still have discussion at the Finance Committee Meeting and to bring back to the November 8, 2016 Legislative Meeting.

Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 4-4(Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Andrea Estebo)-0.

TIE VOTE. PRESIDENT

CLEVELAND VOTES IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Employee Appreciation Bonus

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to **TABLE** the resolution, Employee Appreciation Bonus Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 8-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance Out for 45 Day Comment Period.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 10-21-16 D**, General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance Out for 45 Day Comment Period. Second by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11:02 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to go in to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Matt Mullen returns. Rep. Andrea Estebo excused from the meeting.

Rep. Douglas Greengrass out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

1:21 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Tribal Input on Federal Infrastructure Consultation

On September 9, 2016, the Department of Justice, the Department of the Army, and the Department of the Interior issued a Joint Statement regarding Standing Rock Sioux Tribe v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in which the Departments committed to formal, government to government consultations on two questions:

1. within the existing statutory framework, what should the federal government do to better ensure meaningful tribal input into infrastructure-related reviews and decisions and the protection of tribal lands, resources, and treaty rights, and,
2. should new legislation be proposed to Congress to alter the statutory framework and promote those goals.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to request the Office of the President to send out a meeting notice for a meeting on Wednesday November 2, 2016 requesting presence of the Legislators, President and any necessary Executive Directors and staff to discuss and prepare for the upcoming Tribal Input on Federal Infrastructure Decisions Consultation Meeting and to include a second option date and to release into open session.

Second by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next Regular Legislative Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit for the next Legislative Meeting to take place at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells in Baraboo, Wisconsin on Monday, November 7, 2016 and to move to open session.

Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Echoes of the past

VA workers concerned with possible demolition of Tomah Indian School buildings

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

There are stories of spirits roaming the rooms of the former Tomah Indian School.

Some people suggest they are the former residents of the school. People who have worked there have reported hearing voices, and even seeing a little native girl.

Whether or not those reports are true, there are many stories about the former Tomah Indian School. But the latest story is how some of those buildings may be coming down.

Under consideration for demolition are Building 25, the former boiler room, and the former hospital, on Veterans Administration Medical Center grounds.

"Management wants to demolish the buildings," said Lin Ellinhuyzen, president of AFGE Local 0007, who has an office in Building 25.

The other Indian School buildings still stand and are not being considered for demolition at this time.

But what concerns Ellinhuyzen most is the loss of the past, and that people will not know what happened there.

"A lot of historic buildings are already gone," Ellinhuyzen said. "If someone doesn't fight for the history, it will easily disappear."

U.S. Veterans Service Officer Sandra Winneshiek, a Ho-Chunk member also would like to make sure the buildings stay intact as a reminder of the past and for generations in the future to know where they came from

and not to repeat what has been done in the past.

"I am for preservation of all the Indian School buildings. This is a part of our history," Winneshiek said, whose office also is in Building 25.

There is a mass grave on the grounds, holding the remains of the children who died at the facility. The names have not been recorded and, until recently, no marker even showed the location or that it was a grave.

"AFGE wants management to be transparent about their plans for demolition," Ellinhuyzen said. "AFGE wants the historical buildings maintained properly; not left to deteriorate. AFGE wanted management to involve Ho Chunk Nation early in the process. AFGE believes preserving history is vitally important for future generations."

Ho-Chunk Nation District II Rep. Henning Garvin said that the future for the Indian School is so unclear because there are so many questions that need to be answered.

"Since it is on federal land, we need to know answers to questions like who is going to maintain the building, pay for utilities, and if there is any lead paint or asbestos that needs abatement," Garvin said.

The issue has been referred to the Office of the President for further revenue, he said.

"We also need to know how the people feel about this matter," Garvin said. "Some people will want it preserved for historical purposes, some people will be in the middle,

and some people see the building as a reminder and a source of much pain from the past."

At an Area meeting, a request was made to have the Veterans Administration director meet with the Office of the President to discuss all aspects of preserving the structures or letting them go.

"A lot of tribal people came to this school, but it is also significant for the residents to know what happened here," Winneshiek said.

The issue first came up at a meeting on June 14 this year, but there was some talk about it from VA Chief of Facilities Derek Ogle prior to that date, Ellinhuyzen said.

Ogle was saying that there isn't enough in the budget to maintain the buildings, she said, but she questions how much it costs to maintain the structures.

"A big concern is Building 2, which was the Indian hospital. Some of our elders were born there," said Sandra Winneshiek. In that building, the heat was shut off, she said.

During the last couple of months, engineers have been completing "forensic inspections" and brought a boom truck to inspect the roof, Ellinhuyzen said..

One of the reasons behind tearing down the building, besides maintenance costs, is that construction of a new warehouse is being considered, she said.

The Veterans Administration has a limitation of the number of building square footage they can possess. Considering they want to add the proposed 8,000-square-foot warehouse, they need to remove some of the existing buildings to gain some available square footage, Ellinhuyzen said.

The brick is crumbling in the warehouse and they are renting warehouse space downtown, which they say is not secure.

Some Ho-Chunk members are not sure the buildings need to be preserved, citing that remembering the past can be a painful reminder.

Tribal elder Gordon Thunder said his mother was a resident of the Tomah Indian



The Tomah Indian School buildings still exist on the Veterans Administration grounds and are used for various purposes, all on federal land.



Building 25, once part of the Tomah Indian School, is the subject for possible demolition.



Two jail cells still exist in a lower room within Building 25, the facility that once was the boiler house, used to heat the other buildings.



The cornerstone of Building 25 shows that it was constructed in 1913. When the school opened in 1893, it counted seven students and seven employees. At the end of two weeks, student enrollment increased to 96. The school closed in 1935.

ing is the hardware around each of the doors. The hinges and latch mechanism on either sides of the doorway, plus the barred vent opening above the doorways, indicate the rooms were perhaps used as prison holding cells.

Another one of the contentions of the issue to be considered a historic building is the date the building was constructed so that it can be recorded as a state historical structure.

On a cornerstone of the Building 25 is the date 1913, along with the name L.M. Compton Superintendent, Engineer. Also, on a beam a now-boarded-up garage door is "Jones and Laughlin," which was a steelmaker in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, founded in 1852.

Chip Brown III of the Wisconsin Historical Society said there is a meeting set up in a couple weeks when he and other Tomah Veterans Administration officials will offer a tour of the facilities and discuss the future of some of the buildings. To date, nothing has been decided, Brown said.

Green Environmental Management System Program Manager Kurt Brownell said there are currently no plans for demolition, but declined further comment without prior clearance from the Veterans Administration.

November 2016

Please find the following summary of General Council 2016 and follow up on General Council Resolutions. If you have specific questions please call the General Council Office 715-284-7891.

Annual General Council 2016

All Legislative Resolutions can be read in their entirety on the Ho-Chunk Nation Website.

1. Resolution of Dissolution of the General Council Agency.

Action taken by Legislature: WORK GROUP CREATED, TRANSFER OF BUDGET TO OGC & COORDINATE WITH JUSTICE, ADMINISTRATION & TREASURY

• Resolution 10-04-16I, Establishment of General Council Legislative Workgroup.

❖ Whereas, in order to expeditiously assist with the transition from the General Council Agency to a structure that will include the Office of the General Council, the Legislature adopted Resolution 10-4-16I and created a Legislative Workgroup to clarify the role for the Office of the General Council and ensure a continued function to assist the General Council's administrative functions; and the Legislature finds it appropriate to address and comply with the General Council Resolution by forming a Legislative Workgroup so that the Legislature may incorporate General Council's policy into law that specifically indicates how the General Council functions;

❖ Whereas, the intent of the Legislative workgroup is to ultimately bring further recommendations to the Legislature that will assist in implementing GC Resolution 10/17/2016-1, including a draft establishment act that will give structure to the Office of General Council and address supervisory, management, and signature authority of the Office of General Council.

1. Affirms the action it took by Resolution 10-4-16I in creating a Legislative Workgroup to assist in the transition from the General Council Resolution 9/17/2016-01.
2. Approves the transfer of the existing Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget of the General Council Agency to the OFFICE OF GENERAL Council, effective immediately, on the condition that the Office of the President and the Nation's Treasury department assist the Office of General Council and its staff in its budget management, until such time as a more formal legal structure is put in place for the Office;
3. Requests that the Nation's Department of Justice coordinate with the Department of Treasury and Department of Administration to ensure that item number 4 within General Council Resolution 9/17/2016-01 is implemented.

• Resolution 10-18-16C, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-01 and Legislative Action Regarding the Dissolution of the General Council Agency.

❖ Whereas, the Legislature finds it appropriate to address and comply with the General Council Resolution by forming a Legislative Workgroup so that the Legislature may incorporate General Council's policy into law that specifically indicates how the General Council functions;

❖ NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its authority under the Constitution and tribal law, hereby establishes a Legislative Workgroup to incorporate General Council's policy into law that specifies and indicates how General Council functions, including the process for dissolving itself.

• Resolution 10-21-16A, Approval of Office of General Council Establishment & Organization Act.

❖ WHEREAS, the Legislature took action on General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-01 by adoption of Resolution 10-04-16I (establishing a General Council Legislative Workgroup) AND Resolution 10-18-16f (approving of other aspects of the General Council Resolution); and

❖ WHEREAS, the General council Legislative Workgroup has met to discuss the creation of a legal structure for the Office of General Council, along with necessary organization and authority for the office;

❖ NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-01, adopts the attached *Office of General council Establishment and Organization Act*, which shall be codified in Title 1 of the Nation's Code as 1 HCC § 18.

2. Resolution for the General Council Branch Budget FY 2018.

Action taken by Legislature: REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE FOR CONSIDERATION OF 2017 - 18 BUDGET REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR FY 2017-18 BUDGET REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR FY 2017-18 BUDGET REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR FY 2017-18 BUDGET

• Resolution 10-18-16D, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-02 and Legislative Action Regarding the General Council Budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

❖ Whereas, General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-02 was adopted by the General Council and approved a specific amount of \$1,410,934.00 as the Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the General Council, as "laid out on the proposed budget, General Council Budget Line Item Explanation"; and

❖ Whereas, in Article IV, section 2 of the Constitution, the General council delegated and authorized the Legislature to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article V of the Constitution; and

❖ Article V, section 2(d) of the Constitution give the Legislative the power to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various departments in an annual budget;

❖ NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and in satisfaction of Article IV, section 3(a) of the Constitution, hereby acknowledges General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-02, and refers the proposed 2018 Fiscal Year budget for the General

Council to the Legislature for consideration when it reviews and approves the upcoming Fiscal Year 2017-18 budgets of the Nation.

3. A Resolution to Increase the Per Capita Allocation to 80% General Welfare Fund and Increase Per Capita Payments.

Action taken by Legislature: WORK GROUP CREATED TO REVIEW AND ANALYZE THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF IMPLEMENTATION WORKGROUP CREATED TO REVIEW AND ANALYZE THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF IMPLEMENTATION

• Resolution 10-18-16E, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-03 and Legislative Action Regarding the Request to Amend the Nation's Revenue Allocation Plan to Increase Per Capita Payments.

❖ Whereas, the Legislature finds that the preferred approach to reviewing the potential implementation of General council Resolution 9-17-2016-03 is to do so through a Legislative Workgroup;

1. Creates a Legislative Workgroup to review and analyze the potential impacts of implementing General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-03;
2. Such Workgroup is created pursuant to the provisions of the Nation's Legislative Organization Act, and will not be deemed a public body subject to the Open Meetings Act;
3. Any interested Legislators may participate in the Workgroup, along with such Legislative Staff and Attorneys as are requested, along with any Executive Branch staff necessary to assist in analyzing the impacts of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-03.

4. Resolutions Made Into Law within One Year.

Action taken by Legislature: REJECTED

• Resolution 10-18-16F, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-04 and Legislative Action on the Policy Directive to Automatically Enact General Council Resolutions by Default.

❖ Whereas, although General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-04 mandates that General Council Resolution automatically become a law of the Nation if the Legislature does not formally reject such Resolutions, there already exists a procedure under Article IV, Section 3(a) of the Constitution and also with the Legislature's Constitutional authority to enact and adopt laws; and

❖ the Legislature finds that General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-04 is inconsistent with the Article IV, section 3(a) of the Constitution and also with the Legislature's Constitutional authority to enact and adopt laws; and

❖ The Attorney General of the Nation rendered an opinion on September 17, 2016, and found that the General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-04 "usurped the constitutionally-delegated authority for the Legislature to make laws";

❖ NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and in satisfaction of the Article IV, Section 3(a) of the Constitution, hereby acknowledges General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-04, and, based on the above, **formally rejects said Resolution and intends to take no further action on it.**

5. Special Election to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution for the Rights of Nature.

Action taken by Legislature: REFERRED TO ELECTION BOARD

• Resolution 10-18-16G, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-05 and Legislative Action Regarding a Special Election to Amend the Constitution for the Rights of Nature.

❖ Whereas, the Legislature finds it appropriate to refer General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-05 to the Nation's Election Board, since the process for amending the Nation's Constitution is set forth in Article XIII and requires the Election Board to call and hold an election on a proposed constitutional amendment at the request of the General Council;

❖ NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and in satisfaction of Article IV, Section 3(a) of the Constitution, hereby acknowledges General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-05, and refers it to the Nation's Election Board to call and hold an election to amend the Constitution pursuant to Article XIII, Section 2 of the Constitution. although General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-04 mandates that General Council Resolution automatically become a law of the Nation if the Legislature does not formally reject such Resolutions, there already exists a procedure under Article IV, Section 3(a) of the Constitution and also with the Legislature's Constitutional authority to enact and adopt laws; and hold an election to amend the Constitution pursuant to Article XIII, Section 2 of the Constitution.

6. Amend Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Programs to Provide Housing for Elite Elders.

Action taken by Legislature: REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE HOUSING COMMITTEE

• Resolution 10-18-16H, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-06 and Legislative Action Regarding the Amendment to the Nation's Housing Program to Provide Housing for Elite Elders.

❖ Whereas, General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-06 approves the following policy directive: "that the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Program be amended for individuals that qualify as elite elders to get homes if they have the ability to maintain them within one year from the approval of this resolution [and that] no new homes will be provided until the elite elders on the current waiting list are provided homes"; and

❖ the Nation's Attorney General issued an opinion regarding the 2016 General Council Resolution, including General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-06, where she expressed concerns about the legality of this resolution under the Nation's Constitution, as well as other concerns; and

❖ the Legislature finds that General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-06 needs further review and research prior to the consideration of any implementation or actual amendment to the Nation's Housing Code;

❖ NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant

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to its Constitutional authority, and in satisfaction of Article IV, Section 3(a) of the constitution, hereby acknowledges General council Resolution 9-17-2016-06, and refers the Resolution to the Legislative Housing Committee for further action.

7. A Resolution to Provide Alternative Energy Sources to Ho-Chunk Elders.

Action taken by Legislature: REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE HOUSING COMMITTEE

• **Resolution 10-18-16I, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-07 and Legislative Action Regarding the Creation of a Program to Provide Alternative Energy Sources to Ho-Chunk Elders.**

- ❖ Whereas, General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-07 approves the following policy directive: "that General council finds that Ho-Chunk Nation Elders are on limited incomes and that energy bills create a hardship on many elders [and] to help defray such expenses, the Ho-Chunk Nation wants to create a program that will provide interested Elders access to funding and programs that will put alternative energy such as solar or wind energy to provide alternative energy in Elder Homes," and
- ❖ The Nation's Attorney General issued an opinion regarding the 2016 General Council Resolutions, including General council Resolution 9-17-2016-07, where she expressed concerns about the legality of this resolution under the Nation's Constitution, as well as other concerns; and
- ❖ The Legislature finds that General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-07 needs further review and research prior to the consideration of any implementation or actual amendment to the Nation's Housing Code;
- ❖ NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and in satisfaction of Article IV, Section 3(a) of the Constitution, hereby acknowledges General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-07, and refers the Resolution to the Legislative housing Committee for further action.

Annual General Council 2000 – 2015 Resolution Update

NOTE: The General Council Resolutions from 2000 – 2012 are now a Standing Agenda Item on the Legislative Agenda, per request from Representative Andrea Estebo & District Meeting discussions.

9-19-15-2, To Establish Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources under the Executive Branch.

Legislative Action:

NOTE: The creation of the Workgroup to plan for the Creation of Executive Branch Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources was implemented by Legislative Resolution 10-20-15Q

NOTE: Placed on 45-day public review for public comment on 8/9/2016.

• **RESOLUTION 10-18-16J, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Authorization to Adopt the Department of Agriculture Establishment Act**

- ❖ NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that having successfully completed the demands and requirements of the requisite forty-five (45) day comment period, the Legislature hereby approves and adopts the Establishment Act for the Department of Agriculture; and
- ❖ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture Establishment Act shall be effective immediately.

• **RESOLUTION 10-18-16K, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Authorization to Adopt the Department of Natural Resources Establishment Act**

- ❖ NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that having successfully completed the demands and requirements of the requisite forty-five (45) day comment period, which included publication on the Nation's website and discussion at area meetings; the Legislature hereby approves and adopts the Establishment Act for the Department of Natural Resources; and
- ❖ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Natural Resources Establishment Act shall be effective immediately.

Prepared by Joy Thompson-Bonanno, GC Advocate

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE
LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN TRIBAL COURT

CASE NO. I: 16-139

SWOCSE/ Elise Johnson,
PLAINTIFF
VS.
DERRIS FUNMAKER,
DEFENDANT

ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Complaint to Establish Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 29th day of November, 2016 at the hour of 1:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. Upon request, the SWOCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Complaint describing the matter.

Dated this 27th day of October, 2016

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT:
/S/
Michael T. Swallow
Presiding Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Carlson
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

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NOV 22 | 6PM - 9PM | BINGO HALL

Join us and sample some of the area's best wines and local beers in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Those attending will also enjoy great food, goodie bags and \$10 Rewards Play. All proceeds benefit Coats for Kids. Admission is \$20 per person or bring a new coat and get in for free.

Local Vendors include Reinhart, S & S, Lacrosse Beverage, Northwoods Brewing, Sysco, Sand Creek, Tenba, Brambleberry Winery and Infinity Beverages.



THANKSGIVING BUFFET

NOV 24 | 10AM - 10PM | \$14.50

Celebrate Thanksgiving with us! Come in and enjoy Carved Turkey, Sliced Ham, Fried Chicken, BBQ Ribs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Stuffing, Green Bean Casserole, Pumpkin Pie and so much more for just \$14.50. Discounts available for children under 12.

Must be 21 years or older to attend events or play in the casino. Those 18 years or older are welcome to play Bingo. See the Rewards Club for complete promotional rules and details. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.

HO-CHUNK GAMING
BLACK RIVER FALLS

Experience the Difference

Visit all six casinos at ho-chunkgaming.com



Attention Tribal Members

Some Marketplace Health Insurance Plans Are Ending December 31, 2016

In 2017, there are Marketplace Plans that will no longer be available and will end **December 31, 2016**. The affected Counties and Insurance Companies that will no longer be available are listed below:

JACKSON COUNTY

1. United Healthcare
(All Savers Insurance Company)

SAUK COUNTY

1. United Healthcare
(All Savers Insurance Company)
2. Health Tradition Health Plan

If you have one of the plans shown in the County you reside, please contact a Benefit's Specialist to re-apply at the Marketplace by Friday **December 9, 2016**. Plan accordingly, as failure to apply for Health Insurance by Friday **December 15, 2016** will result with no health insurance in January 2017 and being non-complaint with Contract Health Services.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

Phone: 888-685-4422

Joyce Rockman Ext. 5065

Sandy Lanier Ext. 5318



House of Wellness

Phone: 888-552-7889

Cynthia Tack Ext. 5525

Contract Health Services Participants, if you have not had an eye exam or glasses in a year, or for Dental, if you require a mouth night guard, please make your appointment at Ho-Chunk Health Care Center or the House of Wellness before Friday December 30, 2016.

Contract Health Services Contact Information: (715) 284-5127
Lynette Bird ext. 5058 - Cari Fay ext. 5359 - Sarah Decorah ext. 5057

HO-CHUNK NATION

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking three (3) qualified candidates to serve as a Committee member's responsible for the oversight of the Nation's investments.

Eligibility for an interview: Must be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and have one or more of the following qualifications:

- ◆ *Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst*
- ◆ *An Associate's or, preferably, a Bachelor's degree in accounting, business or finance*
- ◆ *Possess a Financial Professional Certification: CFP, CFS, CFC, CIC, CIMA, CMT, and PFS.*
- ◆ *At least three years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf*
- ◆ *Must be able to obtain a financial bond*

All potential Committee members shall undergo a credit check and criminal background check. Potential Committee members shall not be eligible for service if the criminal background check reveals a felony or any crime of dishonesty, including, but limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, theft, or deception in any form.

Qualified individuals must submit a letter of interest and extended resume by:

November 30, 2016 to:



Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department
Attn: Anthony Falcon, Investment Officer
PO Box 640
Black River Falls, WI 54615
anthony.falcon@ho-chunk.com

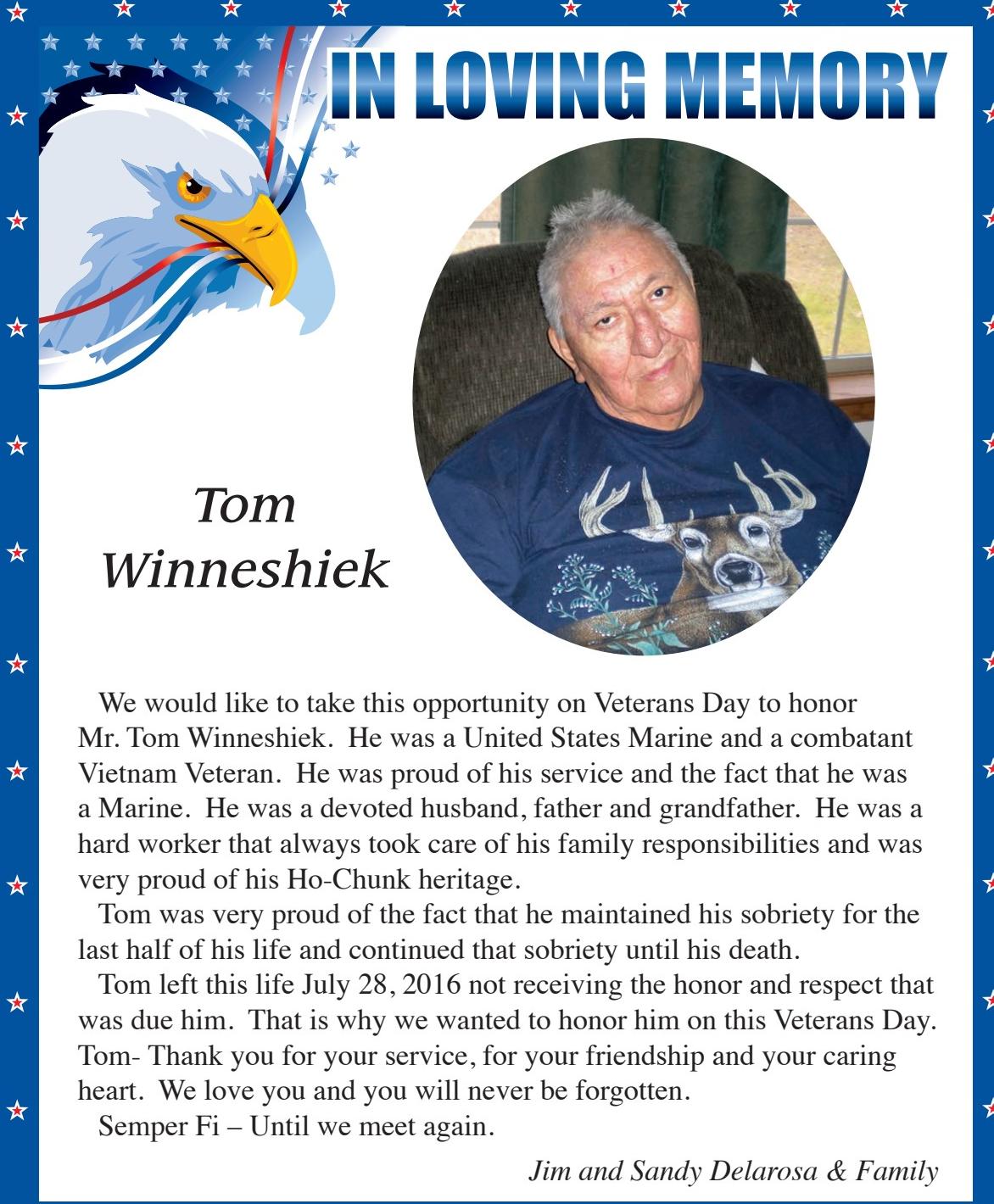


**Jeanette H.
Decorah
(GiGi)**

We the family of Jeanette would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during the loss of our sister, mother, aunt, grandmother. Thank you to Garrick Cleveland Jr and his helpers. And Sister Rose Walker for her support. Sister Lucy Hindsley and gaga Millie Decorah for taking care of Jeanette. Mom Albert Decorah for always being there us kids. She is greatly missed by all that knew her and loved her. If we forgot anyone please forgive us, but we thank you all.

From sisters, Janelle Hopinkah, Jennifer Gauthier, Rosella Stanley, brothers Stanley Decorah, Marcel Decorah, Frisk Decorah and Herman Decorah.

IN LOVING MEMORY



**Tom
Winneshiek**



We would like to take this opportunity on Veterans Day to honor Mr. Tom Winneshiek. He was a United States Marine and a combatant Vietnam Veteran. He was proud of his service and the fact that he was a Marine. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a hard worker that always took care of his family responsibilities and was very proud of his Ho-Chunk heritage.

Tom was very proud of the fact that he maintained his sobriety for the last half of his life and continued that sobriety until his death.

Tom left this life July 28, 2016 not receiving the honor and respect that was due him. That is why we wanted to honor him on this Veterans Day. Tom- Thank you for your service, for your friendship and your caring heart. We love you and you will never be forgotten.

Semper Fi – Until we meet again.

Jim and Sandy Delarosa & Family

**Notice of Vacancy and Deadline
For Districts 1, 3 & 5 to Nominate
Election Board Delegate and Alternate**

| Districts | EB Delegate | Alternate |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Black River Falls | 1 | 1 |
| Wisconsin Rapids | 1 | 1 |
| Wittenberg | 1 | 1 |
| Wisconsin Dells | 1 | 1 |
| Green Bay | 1 | 1 |
| Chicago | 1 | 1 |
| St. Paul/Minneapolis | 1 | 1 |

TERMS: All Election board members shall serve terms of two (2) years. Election Board members may serve more than one term.

NOMINATIONS: One (1) Election Board Delegate and One (1) Election Board Alternate to represent each District must be voted upon during your District's monthly meeting in November 2016.

The District's meeting minute must include each District's nomination for Election Board Delegate and Alternate. The minutes must be presented or faxed to the Election Board Office no later than

4:00 PM – FRIDAY, December 2, 2016

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE
206 S. Roosevelt Road
P.O. Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615

715/284-8900 • 800/890-0583 • 715/284-8600 Fax

Posted 10/1/2016

Applicants for Ho-Chunk Cinemas must apply online at marcustheatres.com. On home page click jobs in top right hand corner. Follow directions on the page for jobs.

No paper applications can be accepted.

*Thank You
Kathy Vroman*

Marcus Ho-Chunk Cinema

**It's an exciting time to join Marcus Theatres!
We are seeking Theatre Associates to join our team.**

**Job Description: Concessions Part-time.
Online Applications only!
Good verbal communication skills as well as math and cash-handling skills a must.
Minimum Wage: \$7.25
Overtime Status/Non-exempt**

**Notice of HHCDA
Monthly Meeting
November 17, 2016**

**Ho-Chunk Housing &
Community Development Agency
(HUD Housing)**

HHCDA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Karena Thundercloud, Colin Carrimon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Cheri Byhre, Mike Goze and John Dall. Will meet on Thursday, November 17th, 2016, at 5:00 PM, at the HHCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on November 10th, 2016 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.



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Contest ends December 21st.

This is a photo judged contest, you must enter with your deer on-site at any of the 5 store locations.

See in-store displays or online at www.whitetailcrossing.com or visit our facebook page for rules and galleries.

**Hunters get your morning started
right with breakfast at Whitetail
or stop in after the hunt to get
your fuel and supplies.**

BARABOO BLACK RIVER FALLS NEKOOSA TOMAH WITTENBERG